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1. U.S. STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED ON JUNE 16 BY AMBASSADOR LEONARD. THE DEBATE CONCLUDED UNEVENTFULLY THIS DATE. PLEASE SEE UNCLASSIFIED DAILY SUMMARY FOR HIGHLIGHTS OF OTHER STATEMENTS.

2. QUOTE

THIS COUNCIL'S RENEWAL LAST NIGHT OF THE MANDATE OF UNFICYP IS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR CONCERN, OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY, AND OF OUR CONFIDENCE THAT THE STILL UNSETTLED SITUATION IN CYPRUS CAN AND WILL BE RESOLVED.

WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT THERE WAS A RESUMPTION THIS SPRING OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS STATED IN HIS MOST RECENT REPORT THAT UNFICYP FULFILLS A VITAL AND INDISPENSABLE MISSION IN MAINTAINING QUIET ON THE ISLAND AND THEREBY FACILITATES THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. MY GOVERNMENT SHARES THAT VIEW. WE DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DIFFICULTIES IN OVERCOMING THE DEEP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PARTIES ON THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF A SETTLEMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PARTIES MUST CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THEIR REQUIREMENTS FOR A SETTLEMENT IN A SERIOUS AND SUSTAINED MANNER. THROUGH THIS PROCESS STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TOWARD THE PERMANENT SETTLEMENT FOR CYPRUS WHICH WE ALL SEEK.

THE EVENTS OF THE LAST SIX MONTHS, MR. PRESIDENT, UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF UNFICYP CONTINUING ITS ESSENTIAL MISSION. WE ARE THEREFORE CONCERNED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT OF THE GROWING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY FOR THE U.N. IN MAINTAINING UNFICYP. IT IS DISTURBING THAT THE UNFICYP DEFICIT HAS GROWN TO OVER \$54 MILLION. THIS MEANS THAT THE U.N. HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PAY THE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS OF TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES BEYOND THE SECOND HALF OF 1973. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY EXPRESSED OUR BELIEF THAT THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF UNFICYP MUST BE SHARED BY ALL MEMBER STATES WHO PROFESS CONCERN FOR THE REALIZATION OF AN ENDURING PEACE ON CYPRUS. THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE A SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PEACEKEEPING IN CYPRUS. WE HOPE THE GOVERNMENTS TO WHOM THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS MADE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE WILL RESPOND GENEROUSLY.

MR. PRESIDENT, MY GOVERNMENT ALSO WISHES TO COMMEND THE OFFICERS AND TROOP CONTINGENTS OF UNFICYP FOR THEIR CONTINUING EXCELLENCE IN CARRYING OUT THEIR IMPORTANT MISSION. WE ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND HIS ASSOCIATES. THEY DESERVE ESPECIALLY OUR PRAISE FOR THEIR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO HELP THE CYPRUS PARTIES NEGOTIATE A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT. FINALLY, MAY I EXPRESS THE HOPE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT THE MONTHS AHEAD WILL SEE STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS.

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